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In re the Application

Inventors: Naoyasu MIYAGAWA, et al. Art Unit 2655
Appln. No.: 09/460,223 Examiner N. Hindi
Filed: December 13, 1999

For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL
DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b) AND MPEP 1002.02(c) (8)

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A Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing are due in this
reissue application on July 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully petition for and request a one-month
extension of time to file a Reply Brief and Request for Oral
Hearing in this application based on good cause pursuant to 37
CFR 1.136(b).

The reasons for this Request are:

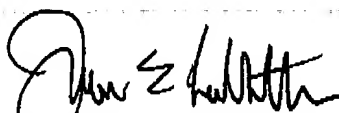
- (1) this application is subject to a recapture rejection,
- (2) a recent precedential Board decision in *Ex parte Eggert et al.*, Appeal No. 2001-0790, Application No. 09/110,145, decided May 29, 2003 and made available to the public on June 30, 2003, is pertinent to the recapture issues in this application, and
- (3) additional time is needed in order to evaluate the decision in *Ex parte Eggert et al.* and develop arguments in Appellants' Reply Brief in this application, taking into account

this recent decision.

Accordingly, a one-month extension of time to August 23, 2003 is respectfully requested.

If any fee is due, the fee may be charged to deposit account no. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,



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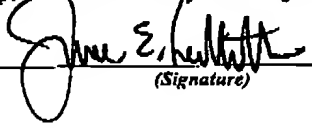
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<div style="text-align: right;">JUL 21 2003</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Attention Special Program Unit Special Application Group 2700 Subject to Expedited Processing</div> <p>I hereby certify that this <u>Petition and Request for Extension of Time</u> (Identify type of correspondence) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. <u>703-308-5401</u>) on <u>July 21, 2003</u> (Date)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"><u>James E. Ledbetter, Reg. No. 28,732</u> (Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)  (Signature)</div> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.</p>			